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For: A MATERIAL LAMINATE FOR )  
USE AS A COVERING SHEET IN )  
AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendment.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1-11 as follows:

1. (Amended) A material laminate for use as a covering sheet for an absorbent article with a length direction, a width direction and a thickness direction and exhibiting a central axis extending in the length direction and two opposing side edges extending in the length direction and comprising, in the thickness direction, a first fluid pervious material layer and a second fluid pervious porous material layer wherein at least one of the material layers comprises a thermoplastic material and wherein the two material

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